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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: CONCORDE

1. FINANCIAL TIMES APR. 27 CARRIES FRONT PAGE REPORT
STATING THAT UK TRADE SECRETARY DELL TOLD TRANSPORTATION
SECRETARY ADAMS APR. 26 THAT UK WILL NOT CONCLUDE NEW
BERMUDA CIVIL AVIATION AGREEMENT WITH US UNLESS IT
RECEIVES ASSURANCES CONCORDE WILL BE PERMITTED TO CONTINUE
TO USE DULLES AIRPORT AT WASHINGTON AFTER COMPLETION OF
PRESENT TRIAL PERIOD.

2. ARTICLE ALSO NOTES "... IT IS CLEAR THAT THE
BRITISH, ALBEIT RELUCTANTLY, HAVE CONCLUDED THAT NEW YORK
IS NOT SUBJECT TO POLITICAL RESOLUTION AND HAVE NOT
ATTEMPTED TO LINK NEW YORK WITH RENEGOTIATION OF THE
BERMUDA AGREEMENT." IT POINTS OUT THIS UK DECISION MAY
NOT SET WELL WITH THE FRENCH WHO MAY FEEL THE UK IS NOT
EXERTING SUFFICIENT EFFORT TO SECURE LANDING RIQHTS FOR
CONCORDE AT KENNEDY.

3. REPORT FROM F.T.'S US EDITOR NOTES THAT THE FEDERAL
AVIATION ADMINISTRATION HAS TENTATIVELY CONCLUDED CONCORD
WILL "PASS ITS TEST" AT DULLES. BUT PATRICK SHOVELTON
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MADE IT CLEAR IN DELL MEETING WITH ADAMS THAT THE BRITISH
ARE NOT PREPARED SIMPLY TO HOPE THAT THE US WILL ULTIMATE-
LY GIVE CONCORDE PERMANENT ACCESS TO DULLES.

4. SHOVELTON IS SAID TO HAVE RAISED POSSIBILITY THAT IT
MIGHT BE FEASIBLE TO REACH A PROVISIONAL BERMUDA AGREEMENT
ACCOMPANIED BY A RIDER RENDERING IT NULL AND VOID IF

CONCORDE IS BANNED FROM DULLES.

5. OTHER PRESS REPORTS IN LAST FEW DAYS HAVE INDICATED
MAY 16 MEETING OF NY/NJ PORT AUTHORITY IS TO BE DEVOTED TO
HEARING VIEWS OF LOCAL OFFICIALS ON CONCORDE LANDING ISSUE
AND THAT EARLIEST IT NOW SEEMS POSSIBLE FOR PORT AUTHOR-
ITY TO MAKE DECISION ON CONCORDE MAY BE AT JUNE 10 MEET-
ING. IN DISCUSSING THESE REPORTS WITH DEPT. OF TRADE
(KEMMIS) HE TOLD US IT IS CERTAIN THAT COURT HEARINQ
SCHEDULED FOR APR. 28 WILL GO AHEAD.

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